

**REMARKS**

Claims 28-37 and 74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claims 28-37 and 74 are cancelled, without prejudice.

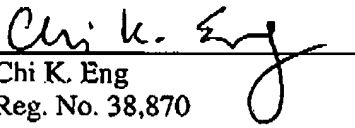
Claims 1-27 and 38-73 are allowed.

Claims 1-27 and 38-73 are now pending.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance in light of the above amendments and remarks. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 31, 2001

  
Chi K. Eng  
Reg. No. 38,870  
Arbinct-thexchange, Inc.  
33 Whitehall St., 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004  
(212) 344-9125